

GCSE

Religious Studies (World Religions)

Judaism 2

Specimen Paper

B580

Time: 1 hour

Candidates answer on the question paper.

Additional materials: none

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the boxes above.
- Use black ink only.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer any **TWO** questions; you must answer all parts (a-c) of the two questions that you choose.
- Do not write in the bar codes.
- Do not write outside the box bordering each page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks for each question is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **48**.
- Quality of written communication is assessed throughout the paper
- Should you need more space to write your answers there is an extra page at the end of the paper.
- If you need to use this extra page you must number your answers clearly.

This document consists of **8** printed pages.

Answer **TWO** questions (a, b and c parts should be answered for **each** question).

- 1 (a)** Describe kashrut as it is applied to food.

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- (b)** Explain how the Jewish food laws affect the Jewish community.

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(c) 'Jewish food laws are too complicated.'

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Judaism in your answer

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2 (a) Describe what Jews mean by the Tenakh.

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(b) Explain the importance of the Talmud for Jews.

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c) 'The Tenakh is out of date.'

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Judaism in your answer

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3 (a) Describe the main features of a synagogue

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(b) Explain why daily prayer is important for a Jew.

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Extra Answer Space

Clearly label which question you are answering.

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Question Number	Answer	Max Mark
1(a)	<p>Describe kashrut as it is applied to food.</p> <p>Answers may describe various aspects of Kashrut, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the process of shechitah; the laws for deciding on which animals are considered fit to eat; laws about other foods such as fish, poultry, eggs, vegetables and manufactured products; the division of milk and meat and the removal of blood from meat. 	[6]
1(b)	<p>Explain how the Jewish food laws affect the Jewish community.</p> <p>Answers may explain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the origins of the food laws in the Torah as part of the covenant; practical implications for the Jews, such as the separation of milk and meat equipment and allowing time to elapse after eating animal products; some of the practical issues that might arise from the laws, including the need to search for a hechsher on some products; how Jews are seeking holiness in their obedience; the positive aspects of being 'chosen' by G-d, whilst considering how the mitzvot may make it harder to 'fit in'. 	[6]
1(c)	<p>'Jewish food laws are too complicated.'</p> <p>Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Judaism in your answer</p> <p>Answers may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the inconvenience of the laws may isolate Jews in society; some Progressive Jews do not follow all aspects of kashrut in relation to food; it may not always be possible to locate kosher products; moral laws are more important than ritual laws; the importance of tradition should not be underestimated; being the chosen people is a great responsibility; food contributes to the distinctiveness of the religion. 	[12]
Question Total		[24]
2(a)	<p>Describe what Jews mean by the Tenakh.</p> <p>Candidates might describe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Tenakh as the Hebrew Bible; break it down into Torah (law), Neviim (prophets) and Ketuvim (writings); important stories and teachings found in the Bible that have helped to shape the Jewish faith. 	[6]

Question Number	Answer	Max Mark
2(b)	<p>Explain the importance of the Talmud for Jews.</p> <p>Candidates may explain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • what the Talmud is, and how it is viewed as the definitive collection of the Oral Law; • how it was created • how it might be used to solve problems of interpretation and understanding the Written Torah. • examples of its impact on everyday Jewish life, such as dietary laws or Bar Mitzvah. 	[6]
2(c)	<p>‘The Tenakh is out of date.’</p> <p>Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Judaism in your answer</p> <p>Candidates may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Tenakh will always have meaning for the Jews as it is seen as inspired by G-d; • that without the Tenakh the faith of Judaism would not exist; • the years that have passed since that time have led to parts becoming outdated or corrupted; • the different perspectives of orthodox and progressive Jews. 	[12]
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3(a)	<p>Describe the main features of a synagogue</p> <p>Candidates might describe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Ark; • scrolls; • Ner Tamid; • Bimah; • decalogue. • less obvious features like the prayers for the royal family and state of Israel, or the yahrzeit board. • differences between orthodox and progressive, highlighting features like the gallery or direction of the Bimah. 	[6]
3(b)	<p>Explain why daily prayer is important for a Jew</p> <p>Candidates might explain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that Jews believe in a personal relationship with G-d, and that prayer is important for praising G-d and when in need; • daily prayer recalling the Temple; • the importance of ritual dress; • specific prayers like the Shema; • the way that prayer might be enhanced by actions, attending synagogue or facing Jerusalem. 	[6]

Question Number	Answer	Max Mark
3(c)	<p>‘A Jewish community does not need a synagogue.’ Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Judaism in your answer</p> <p>Answers may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the claim that the synagogue is the place where the Torah is heard, and refer to the need for communal worship; it is not essential; Jews may worship privately and read the Chumash at home. 	[12]
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Assessment Objectives Grid (includes QWC)

Question	AO1	AO2	Total
1(a)	6		6
1(b)	6		6
1(c)		12	12
2(a)	6		6
2(b)	6		6
2(c)		12	12
3(a)	6		6
3(b)	6		6
3(c)		12	12
Totals	24	24	48

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